

# GOP Bloc Votes Down Soldier Ballot in House

'HONEST' BOB TAFT

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# SOVIETS RING 10 DIVISIONS

## Marines Capture Namur, 4 Other Islands

### House Defeats Soldier Vote By 215 to 164

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Without benefit of a roll call vote, the House tonight defeated the Worley federal ballot bill by a margin of 215 to 164.

A solid disciplined phalanx of Republican congressmen went down the line, against the only practical method of assuring the nation's servicemen the opportunity to vote in the November election.

The Republicans were joined by die-hard poll tax congressmen like Rep. Martin Dies of Texas, E. E. Cox of Georgia and, of course, John E. Rankin—who has led the fight to disfranchise the servicemen.

Union representatives and newspapermen in the press gallery were working on independent efforts to compile the names of congressmen who passed between the tellers in the aisle of the House. The teller vote was taken in lieu of the roll call demanded by the President and administration congressmen.

GOP STALWARTS

But the Republican congressmen who were seen walking between the two tellers—Rep. Rankin for the State's Rights forces and Rep. Eugene Worley of Texas for the federal ballot—were:

Joseph G. Baldwin, James Wadsworth, Hamilton Fish, Winfield Stanley, Leonard Hall, John Taber, Clarence Hancock, Daniel Reed.

With the exception of Baldwin, New York City's delegation lined up solidly behind the federal ballot. A substantial delegation of Southern congressmen led by speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas voted in favor of the federal ballot.

And the result tonight was better than it was two days ago when the House rejected a roll call vote on the issue by 233 to 180.

But that solid Republican lineup plus close to 50 poll tax congressmen led by Rankin was too much of a handicap to overcome.

Rep. Worley of Texas made a desperate effort to get some kind of federal ballot approved in the closing hours of debate.

In a far-reaching compromise

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### Murray Demands Prices Be Curbed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (UP).—CIO President Philip Murray tonight branded congressional attempts to combat inflation as "a glaring and miserable failure" and urged readjustment of the wage-price structure to guarantee the nation's workers a lower cost of living.

He said in a letter to CIO affiliates that Congress must act immediately to curb prices, adopt a "realistic tax law" and remove excessive profits from war contracts.

"Soaring prices, black markets and frozen wages create the just and burning grievance of the American workers," he said. "These are the facts which they face as against the outrageous and extortionate profits that are being extracted by corporations out of war production."

He reiterated his displeasure with national service legislation, charging that the Austin-Wadsworth labor draft bill is sponsored by a "defeatist coalition" and would retard the war effort. Urging that labor, government and industry representatives confer on drafting a workable manpower program, he said:

"We shall thereby defeat any attempt to enact the type of legislation to smash labor unions which could only result in under-

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### Hearst Instructs His Editors To Trump Up Anti-Soviet Attack

WYTHOON, JAN. 31, 1944

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EDITORS ALL HEARST PAPERS:

CHIEF SAYS INS DISPATCH FROM MOSCOW TONIGHT ON SILENCE OF PRESS REGARDING JAPANESE ATROCITIES IMPORTANT.

"RUSSIA IS ALLY OF JAPAN," SAYS CHIEF.

J. WILLIOMBE

756 PGR

"JOURNAL-AMERICAN"

Red Press Silent On Bataan Horror MOSCOW, Feb. 1 (INS).—Moscow newspapers have made no mention of American and British accounts of Jap atrocities, and there has been no official comment on the documented charges made by the Army.

DAILY MIRROR

Reds Broadcast Japs' Atrocities LONDON, Feb. 1 (AP).—The Moscow radio has broadcast "in considerable detail" the official U. S. account of Jap atrocities against Allied prisoners of war, the Soviet Monitor said tonight.

Two clippings and a telegram—they tell the story of how William Randolph Hearst edits his newspapers, those ulcers in modern American life. Look at the telegram again. It is from Wythoon, California, the site of Hearst's estate.

It was sent to all Hearst editors last Monday night instructing them to play up an INS dispatch from Moscow, a dispatch which claimed that the Soviet press was silent on the Japanese atrocities against American and Filipino heroes of Bataan.

The telegram is signed by Hearst's secretary, and gives the line for that day: "Russia is ally of Japan," says the Chief. Clipping No. 1 shows the way the story appeared on the front page of the Hearst Journal-American.

But the Daily Mirror, the Hearst morning paper in New York was caught in the dilemma. Its first edition ran the INS dispatch but by the second edition the news came over that the Soviet press HAD published reports of the Japanese atrocities.

ties. So the Mirror was then compelled to run the new story... without apologies, either to the USSR or to Hearst's readers.

Can you see this cave-man of San Simeon out there in California?... watching his INS ticker tape for any angle that would help throw mud at our Soviet ally... any angle that would poison the minds of his readers... and then, by pressing a button, he disseminates this poison to millions of American families throughout the land.

This time, Hearst is caught red-handed, but not until after the poison was already circulated in millions of copies in his newspapers.

Is it "freedom of the press" to permit such a decrepit, sinister agent of the enemy to spread outright lies?

Is there no way for the government to quarantine William Randolph Hearst in the interests of public safety?

How long will his newspaper-monster of American defeatism be permitted to pollute the wells of public information?

### Charges Nazi Cartel Ties Injured U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (UP).—Corwin D. Edwards, chairman of the Justice Department's anti-trust policy board, charged tonight that international cartels involving U. S. firms hindered Allied development of synthetic rubber, magnesium and other strategic materials while Germany was accumulating huge military stockpiles.

He made his accusations in a 77-page survey based on official files and written for the Senate military affairs subcommittee on war mobilization. It was made public by Chairman Harley M. Kilgore, D. W. Va., who emphasized it did not necessarily reflect the committee's opinion.

Edwards was especially critical of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and E. I. duPont de Nemours Company, American Dow Chemical and the Aluminum Company of America. In a seven-fold indictment of cartel policy in general, he said cartel operations tended to:

Conflict with and supersede national policy; weaken independent concerns; restrict efforts of

consumers to get cheaper goods; set prices higher than would prevail under competition; diminish incentive to improve quality; subordinate the consumer's demand for quantity to industry's desire for additional profits and discourage invention of substitutes.

MAGNESIUM SUPPLY

He said that "shackling" of United States and British production was attributable in most instances to tie-ups with I. G. Farben Industries, mammoth German chemical trust. U. S. production of magnesium, an important substitute for aluminum, was limited to 4,000 tons yearly by an agreement between

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### Urges Protests on Dewey Budget

Charging that Governor Dewey's proposed budget "cuts the heart out of many vital social services," the executive committee of the New York City CIO Council has urged every local affiliate to send two members to the state budget hearing in Albany Wednesday afternoon. It was learned last night at a meeting of the CIO Council.

The CIO Council letter to the locals "tells them that the Council has joined with the State CIO in condemning the budget and asks their assistance in the fight to change it. Delegates from the locals are to be at the Albany Assembly Ways and Means Committee secretary, Charles T. Locke, at the State Capital for time at the hearing. Trains will leave from Grand Central station Wednesday morning at 8 A.M. for the hearing. The Council last night heard an analysis of the budget prepared by the State, County and Municipal Workers Union. The analysis pointed to the cuts in the education appropriation, failure to provide for wage increases to teachers and

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### U. S. Infantry Mops Up on Kwajalein Atoll

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 3 (UP).—The U. S. Marines have captured Namur and four other islets at the northern end of Kwajalein atoll in the Marshalls and the infantry on Kwajalein islet at the southern end, are "proceeding with the annihilation of the enemy," after killing 1,350 of them up to last night, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Hundreds of Japanese died in a desperate counter-attack against the infantrymen of Kwajalein islet Tuesday night, headquarters revealed, and only an estimated 750 forced back to the narrow eastern end, remained to be disposed of.

Against the 1,350 Japanese killed on Kwajalein, the seventh infantry had only 27 killed, nine missing and 190 wounded up to last night, it was estimated.

Furthermore it was believed that the Marine casualties at the northern end of the atoll totaled fewer than 100 killed and 400 wounded.

HELD 20 YEARS

Backed up by a fleet of unprecedented power and hundreds of navy and army planes, the Marines and infantrymen appeared to be making progress in the boldest American operation of the Pacific war, an invasion of the heart of the Marshalls which the enemy had been fortifying for more than 20 years.

At the northern end of the great Kwajalein atoll, sprawled over 800 square miles of the central Marshalls, the Marines after taking Roi with its important air strip, had captured Namur, across a causeway and they had gone on to occupy the Gagan, Edjell, Debut and Edjell islets, which extend down the edge of the lagoon "southeastward from Roi and Namur."

Adm. Nimitz used only 33 words in his communique on today's developments in the victorious advance by the Marines and infantrymen chosen for an attack which took the United States for the first time into pre-war Japanese territory.

"Our forces have captured Namur island and several adjacent islets. Resistance continues on Kwajalein but we have landed troops and mechanized equipment in force and are proceeding with the annihilation of the enemy."

Massed graveyards of Japanese soldiers blown from pillboxes and heavily reinforced concrete block houses told the story of the heavy, deliberate and accurate pounding from the sea.

### Yugoslav Exile Gov't Bid Rejected

The Soviet Union has rejected a proposal for a mutual assistance pact by the Yugoslav government-in-exile. It was reported last night from Moscow by Tass. The official statement of the Tass agency was not available.

In its manifesto, the People's National Council urged the Polish people to fight for: 1) active cooperation with the Allied troops coming to liberate Poland.

2) closer relations with Poland's nearest neighbor, the USSR, as well as Great Britain and the United States. 3) a democratic, strong and independent Poland. According to reports, the newly-formed People's National Council comprises representatives of all political parties that remained inside of Poland, plus delegates from the underground and partisan forces, including the People's Guard.

### 5-Day Drive Links Vatutin and Konev's Armies in Dnieper Bend

LONDON, Feb. 3 (UP).—Red Armies on three fronts today drove Adolf Hitler's battered and retreating eastern forces to the brink of disaster, with 10 divisions of from 125,000 to 150,000 Nazis completely surrounded and a like fate threatening an estimated 250,000 others.

Marshal Joseph Stalin in an Order of the Day announced what may prove the greatest Soviet victory since Stalingrad, a smashing double break-through south of Kiev which trapped 10 of Field Marshal Fritz Erich von Mannstein's sorely needed divisions and tore wide open his defense of the entire Ukraine.

Mannstein's whole Ukrainian Front is threatened, since the loss of 10 divisions might so weaken his armies that he could not withstand Soviet pressure.

The Red Army victory places in imminent danger the rail junction of Zhermerka and the last good rail route by which the Germans could evacuate the Ukraine. Loss of this line would make an estimated 250,000 Nazis dependent upon small lateral railways through Rumanian mountains, a route hardly practicable for such large bodies of troops.

NAZIS ADMIT SETBACKS

The Germans themselves admitted another major set-back, the loss of Rovno, Nazi administrative center of the Ukraine, and the railway town of Luck, 43 miles to the west, to Soviet forces which swept as far as 55 miles into the western Ukraine.

This powerful new Soviet offensive, not yet announced by Moscow, was launched along the Kamatin-Warsaw railway on the ancient invasion route to Warsaw, Berlin said. Far to the north, on a third major front, the Red Army poured into Estonia and fanned out to develop offensives against the important rail and highway junction of Narva, and southward in the direction of Latvia.

The regular Soviet operational communique reported the capture by the Red Army of more than 50 localities in the direction of Narva, including Veneke, five miles west of the Estonian border line, Ustye, Chernovo and Slantey. Execution of the classic pincer movement, which trapped nine German infantry divisions and one tank division, took Soviet Generals Nikolai F. Vatutin of the First Ukrainian Army and Ivan S. Konev of the Second Ukrainian Army five days, Stalin said.

LIBERATE 300 TOWNS

The operation liberated more than 300 Soviet towns and villages and was celebrated tonight by 20 artillery salvos by 224 guns of the Moscow garrison on Stalin's orders. Stalin said Konev's forces attacked westward from north of Kirovograd and that Vatutin's men struck eastward from southeast of Belaya Tserkov through strongly fortified German positions on which they had concentrated for months.

In five days of offensive battles, Stalin said, they advanced toward each other from 31 to 46 miles in each direction and widened the breach in each sector of the offensive to a width of about 100 miles. The two Soviet armies met in the area of Zvenigorodka and Shpolia, closing the ring on the Germans.



GEN. IVAN S. KONEV



GEN. NIKOLAI F. VATUTIN

### 1,100 U. S. Bombers Smash U-Boat Base

LONDON, Feb. 3 (UP).—Virtually unchallenged by the Luftwaffe, a fleet of 1,100 American heavy bombers and fighters smashed the heart of Wilhelmshaven, Germany's greatest naval base, with at least 1,680 tons of bombs today after battling through high winds, rain and snow to reach the U-boat spawning grounds.

Past P-47 Thunderbolts took the bombers over the North Sea and then gave way to longer-range P-51 Mustangs and P-38 Lightnings, which continued on to the target and circled in a great shifting canopy until the last of the bombers turned away for the trip home.

At the same time, the ceaseless Allied aerial pounding of the French invasion coast went on. American B-24 Superfortresses roared across the English Channel to blast targets with tons of bombs and again the Luftwaffe failed to put a fighter plane into the sky to stop the American attacks.

### Shvernik Named To Key Soviet Post

MOSCOW, Feb. 3 (ICN).—Nikolai M. Shvernik was unanimously elected first assistant chairman of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet at the concluding session of the Supreme Soviet here yesterday. He was nominated by Mikhail Kalinin, chairman of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet. Shvernik is chairman of the Soviet of Nationalities and secretary of the All-Union Council of Trade Unions of the Soviet Union.

### Yanks Take Town North of Cassino

ADVANCED COMMAND POST, Italy, Feb. 3 (UP).—American tanks and infantry penetrated into the northeastern corner of Cassino late today under thundering artillery cover.

The shelling continued with a spectacular display tonight as the Americans fought, from house to house in a drive to capture the shattered city.

Enlarging the breach in the so-called Gustav line, American armored platoons drove into Terelle, five miles north and slightly west of Cassino, in the closest approach to the next Nazi defense position, which lies roughly nine miles back of the so-called "Gustav" fort. Front dispatches did not indicate whether Terelle actually had been captured.

In the battle for Cassino itself, American tank groups were driving into the northern outskirts of the town at intervals to blanket the deeply planted Nazi positions with point-blank fire. Before they were forced to retire a short distance under the Nazis' barrage.

### Clapper Killed in Marshalls Crash

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (UP).—Raymond Clapper, Kansas-born newspaperman who rose to distinguished position in his profession, was killed in an airplane accident in the Marshall Islands, the Navy Department announced today.

Clapper, 51, was a political columnist for the Scripps-Howard newspapers and for many others which used his syndicated daily piece. But when he died Clapper was on the job he loved best—reporting. He left last month after the year-end holidays to see how the war was going in the Pacific.

### People's Council Inside Poland Formed, Underground Radio Says

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 3.—The formation of a People's National Council inside of Poland was reported here in a dispatch from Berne.

According to the Berne story, the Polish underground Koscziuszko Radio disclosed on Jan. 13 that the People's National Council was elected last December by provincial country and local People's Councils. These local councils are comprised of patriotic organizations within the

country. All influential political parties and groups that are actively fighting against the German occupationists, are represented on the People's National Council, the Koscziuszko Radio said.

In its manifesto, the People's National Council urged the Polish people to fight for: 1) active cooperation with the Allied troops coming to liberate Poland.

2) closer relations with Poland's nearest neighbor, the USSR, as well as Great Britain and the United States.

3) a democratic, strong and independent Poland.

According to reports, the newly-formed People's National Council comprises representatives of all political parties that remained inside of Poland, plus delegates from the underground and partisan forces, including the People's Guard.



## No Naval Losses In the Marshalls

By a Veteran Commander

ADMIRAL NIMITZ has reported that so far we have suffered no naval losses in the Marshalls operation. This is a proof of excellent organization of the air cover. It is also reported that our casualties are very moderate.

At this writing, the island of Roi in the Kwajalein Atoll with its good airfield has been captured by the Marines and landings have been made in several adjacent islands.

### On the War Fronts

From firmly established beachheads on Kwajalein Island, our infantry is advancing and has also captured a number of neighboring islands.

The Japanese have apparently withdrawn to Kwajalein where they will probably make their usual stand to the death.

The crucial question now apparently is this: will the Japanese at last send in the High Seas Fleet to frustrate our attempt to take over the whole of the Marshall Islands. It would seem that it is high time for them to do so because if we establish ourselves firmly in the Marshalls; the position of Truk and Wake will be dangerously compromised.

Rabaul has been pounded again and 34 enemy planes have been downed there.

The Arakan front in southern Burma was enlivened by the appearance of Allied tanks which helped in an advance near Palewa.

AMERICAN and French troops made a local penetration of the Italian front near Cassino. Cassino is being gradually bypassed from the north. Fighting is livelier up near Anzio where a German counterblow appears imminent.

ON the Eastern Front General Govorov's right flank has reached the Bay of Narva and the main German position along the Narva River.

The pincers around the Luga bulge are being gradually tightened by Govorov's advance southward from Siverskaya and Divenskaya and Meretskoy's laborious advance westward from Novgorod.

In support of our contention that the war will yield little more than mounds of German corpses and heaps of materiel, we can cite the following:

In capturing one heavily fortified center south of Siverskaya Soviet troops captured 30 guns, four of which were of the "Ferdinand" type, 150 trucks, 50 motorcycles, 30 tractors with trailers, 13 radio-transmitters, 15 ammunition and other dumps.

In another place (also unnamed) a whole German regiment of infantry was wiped out. And these are just two anonymous points, of which there are scores in the Luga bulge! Prisoners are being hardly mentioned at all.

The Red Army is advancing slowly west of Novosokolniki.

The Soviet command does not mention the Ukraine, but the Germans do write of several sectors where they claim the Red Army is attacking (these sectors are those of Nikolopol, Simola and Rovno). The latter was reported by the Germans to have been evacuated.)

## Soviet Press Hails New Gov't Changes

MOSCOW, Feb. 3 (UP).—The official Soviet press, emphasizing the international importance of the Supreme Soviet's action granting the 16 constituent republics military and foreign affairs autonomy, said today that the USSR now "acquires a... flexible organization which will provide for the further growth of the power of the motherland."

## NEW MASSES

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# Tito Inflicts Heavy Losses on 5 Nazi Columns

## From Soviet Press--How Franco Helps Hitler to Fight Allies

K. Hofman

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 2.—The different maneuvers undertaken by Franco's government following the Moscow-Tehran conferences, did not aim at "a turn" toward the United Nations, but merely at covering up the new services rendered to the Germans as "a non-belligerent" ally of Germany.

Undoubtedly, Spain would have taken more extensive measures in favor of Hitler, were it not for the drastic worsening in Germany's military and international position.

Franco is trying to serve the interests of Hitlerite Germany at this decisive stage in the war with maximum effect. He is particularly interested in prolonging the war.

While helping Germany, which

Vigorously backed up by all the German radios yesterday, arguing Franco to defend his "neutrality," two important Madrid newspapers yesterday reacted heatedly against the Anglo-American demand that Franco cease aiding the Axis.

The ABC joined with the Falange newspaper, Arriba, in strong protests against the suspension of oil shipments and the threat of an Allied naval blockade.

It was evident from these two sources that Franco is violently resisting pressure from the Allies, and insists upon his pro-Axis interpretation of "neutrality."

has been Franco's main support up to now, he is, at the same time seeking ways and means to retain his power also after the Allied victory.

This explains the attempts of Franco to change the outward form of his fascist dictatorship.

SEES TO SAVE REGIME

Pushing his army into the forefront, and not the fascist Falange as has been the case hitherto, Franco is trying to regroup the forces of Spanish reaction and consolidate them against the growing anti-Franco nationalist democratic front.

His maneuvers are calculated at creating those conditions which will help save the fascist regime in Spain as an integral part of the extensive support which Franco gives to Hitlerite Germany.

As yet, Franco Spain formally and actually remains a partner in the tripartite pact of the Axis powers. In keeping with this obligation, Franco continues to send troops to the Soviet-German front. In addition, he has concluded an agreement to supply Germany with skilled labor power.

NAZI SLAVE LABOR

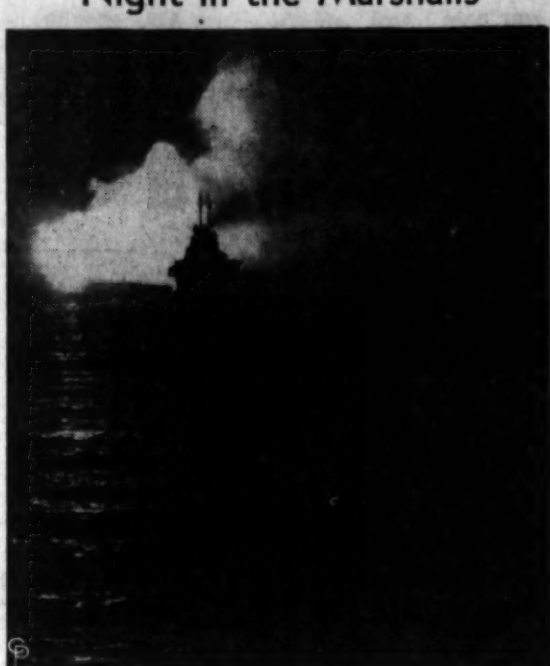
In the wake of the agreement, fifty thousand Spaniards were forcibly dispatched to German war plants by Franco authorities during the first "total" mobilization in Germany. There now will follow thousands of others in accordance with the "second total mobilization."

Franco is also doing everything possible to break the Allied naval and economic blockades, and to supply Germany with strategic raw materials and provisions.

Spain is helping German submarines operating on communications in the Atlantic—Spanish ships on the high seas supply German submarines with petrol. Spanish shipping companies supply the Germans with information about the movements of ships in the Atlantic and through Gibraltar.

A few days ago, Argentina severed diplomatic relations with the Axis. This will hardly affect Germany's

## Night in the Marshalls



Spectacular photo of American warship giving the Marshall Islands a terrific pasting. The U.S. Fleet in a day and night shattering barrage poured more than 2,000,000 tons of "naval might" into the offensive, which has culminated in our capture of Roi and firm beachheads on Kwajalein and other atolls.

supplies since all cargoes sent from Argentina to Germany pass via Spain.

The varied assistance rendered to the Hitlerite war machine by Spain is supplemented with a series of political services. Now that practically all the Latin American countries either have broken off diplomatic relations with Germany or declared war on her, Franco Spain is encircling South America in a bigger net of spies.

PLOTS IN S. AMERICA

Plotting of pro-fascist elements in Bolivia who seized power in that country just when the former government of Bolivia was preparing to join the United Nations, received the full approval of Madrid.

Franco Spain serves as an example to all these elements in organizing and developing their subversive activities and espionage in favor of Hitler.

Spain is swarming with German agents. Spanish Morocco became the veritable El Dorado for German espionage. Franco Spain is also taking a most active part in the so-called "peace maneuvers" of the Hitlerites. Franco himself, time and again, offered publicly to act as "mediator."

And so Franco Spain was and remains a loyal ally of Hitler. Her "neutrality" is merely a most convenient form under which Germany can widely use Spain in different stages of the present war.

A radical change in Spain's policy will come to pass only when the country will be led by democratic elements.

## Benes Asks Close Ties of All Slavs

LONDON, Feb. 3 (UP).—President Eduard Benes in a message to the Czechoslovak State Council today said that he and the Soviet Union had agreed at their recent Moscow conference that they must keep working until all Slav peoples, including the Poles, reach a mutual understanding.

Benes said such an agreement would mean a pact between Czechs, Poles, Ukrainians, and White Russians, and noted that such an arrangement never before has existed.

At the same time Benes called on his captive countrymen to give for the revolt against the Germans.

"With the Red Army approaching our frontiers and the second front in sight, the resistance of the Czechoslovak people will turn into an uncompromising revolt against the oppressor," he said.

the Nazi criminals too extreme? Yes, a negotiated peace, for instance, is more moderate. But everybody knows that a negotiated peace is not the policy of the American government.

Yes, to give the Nazi gangster a chance to live happily after the war is moderate; but that too, is not the policy of the American government.

And what does it mean when the Provost Marshal General says that the circulation of a paper among German prisoners in America "might tend to encourage political dissension within the camp?"

In a small, ridiculous way we are given a picture of what negotiated peace means. The anti-Nazis are terrorized, killed, driven to commit suicide, prevented from reading decent literature. By doing this, the Nazis are granting "peace."

The opinions of our Provost Marshal General should be revised at once, especially after Hitler's recent speech.

The Provost Marshal General's opinions are nothing but a capitulation before the Gestapo in our own country. They are a bow to Goebbels. Such opinions are a disgrace for our country, and they make us ridiculous before the whole world.

## New Allied Aid Helps Block foe

LONDON, Feb. 3 (UP).—The Yugoslav People's Army are battling a strong counter-offensive by five German columns in the Italian-Yugoslav border area of Slovenia. People's Army of Liberation communiques announced today.

Marshal Josip (Tito) Brozovic's forces were reported inflicting heavy losses on the units of Marshal Maximilian Von Weichs, German Commander in the Balkans, and to have completely routed one enemy column at Lokovac, where bloody fighting is under way.

The Nazi counter-offensive was revealed to be aimed at breaking through to the coast from the Italian frontier.

Partisan headquarters here announced that Tito's forces had received substantial quantities of war material from the Allies since the beginning of January, greatly aiding them in the latest fighting.

It was added that the operations of Allied naval units in the Adriatic have been of particular importance, since the German garrisons in Yugoslavia are dependent on sea communications as a result of Partisan attacks on interior supply lines.

It also was announced that Tito's Sixth Corps, operating in Slovenia and Croatia, had killed 6,330 enemy officers and men and captured 7,234 in 1943.

## Charges Nazi Cartel Ties Injured U. S.

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Farben, Dow Chemical and Alcoa, be asserted.

"In consequence, the production and use of magnesium in this country lagged far behind the development in Germany and there was a serious shortage of experience and equipment for fabricating magnesium at the outbreak of the present war."

Chemical Marketing Co., New York, was used by German concerns as a sales agency and an instrument of propaganda, he alleged, adding that its business correspondence usually ended with the words "Hell Hitler."

Farben and Standard Oil of New Jersey agreed in 1938, he said, to exchange technical information on synthetic rubber. Standard gave Farben full technical details of its product—butyl—in return for the German company's promise to supply details of the Buna method, he declared.

## Urges Protests on Dewey Budget

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state employees commensurate with the cost of living boost, omission of child care, and failure to give sufficient aid to municipalities, particularly New York City. It also dealt with the huge surplus in the state treasury.

Only Dewey's political objectives will block the kind of budget the people need, the SCWMA analysis said.

Yesterday, too, American Labor Party leaders both in Kings and New York Counties announced that they were urging their clubs in the various assembly districts to send delegates to the Albany public hearing and to make efforts to get other community organizations to join the delegation.

For Brooklyn, John Crawford and Max Turchin, chairman and secretary of the ALP county committee, condemned the Dewey budget along lines similar to those of the CIO. In Manhattan, Eugene P. Connolly, county committee secretary, attacked the budget on the same grounds.

## B'klyn Consumers Rally Tonight

A public rally tonight at Public School 177 on Ave. P in Brooklyn, will mobilize the Flatbush-Bensonhurst community behind the President's stabilization program and the fight against Black Market price gouging. The rally, sponsored by the Kings Highway Consumers Group will begin at 8:00 P. M. and will hear Daniel P. Wooley, regional OPA director, Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Councilman, Rep. O'Toole, Bella Dodd of the Teachers Local and James V. King, State County and Municipal Workers.

CIO actors will present "Stage Door to Action."

## Boost Output Of Heavy Bombers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (UP).—Chairman Charles E. Wilson of the Aircraft Production Board reported today that 8,789 planes were delivered in January and the month's output was "particularly gratifying" because of a marked increase in heavy four-engined bombers and long range fighters.

January production in numbers was about the same as December—when the total reached 8,802—but the weight increased by 5.4 per cent, reflecting the new emphasis on heavier aircraft, Wilson said.

## How Papers React to Soviet Gov't Change

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

Outstanding American commentators and newspapers yesterday discussed the changes in the Soviet national structure, adopted by the Supreme Soviet, in a spirit of understanding and friendship quite in contrast with the half-cooked comments of Max Lerner in PM on Wednesday. It was noticeable that the so-called

"left" papers, like the N. Y. Post, considered the Soviet action in the realm of muddying the waters of the anti-Hitler coalition. Newspapers like the Scripps-Howard World-Telegram saw alleged conflict between the Soviet Union and the British Empire, while PM continued to count the alternatives as though the matter were some deep mystery beyond the comprehension of ordinary mortals.

But Walter Lippmann, columnist for the N. Y. Herald Tribune, declared that the Soviet changes are "a development which is likely to have far-reaching and it may well be in the main beneficial consequences upon Russia and the other great powers of the world."

Lippmann discounts as "amateurish" the supposition first advanced by Lerner that the Soviet Union is interested in getting sixteen votes at some future peace conference or world League of Nations.

He points out that "the only way the decisions can be taken is under the leadership of the great powers, and by their consent, in consultation and so far as possible in agreement with the other powers... Voting cannot and will not be the method of deciding the great issues and the very idea of voting in things of this sort should be put out of our minds."

Lippmann sees a progressive decentralization of the Soviet Union in keeping with the decrease of external pressures and says that "of all measures of decentralization the formation of national armies is the most convincing."

He finds that an increasingly decentralized Soviet federation will be a "more comfortable political system to deal with." And he credits Stalin, "who knows his Russia," with having "correctly read the signs of the times."

NOT THE ISSUE

The New York Times editorial cannot of course reconcile itself to this development at face value. But it does relate this recent action to the decentralization long developing in the USSR. It speaks of this event as a "step toward greater democracy" and says "there is no reason to regard this as mere propaganda."

Of course the Times never lets well enough alone, and therefore concludes on the note that may be just a concealed way of "sovietizing" neighboring peoples.

The Times also credits seriously this business of sixteen seats at a peace table which Lippmann had called "amateurish." And the newspaper ends up warmly with its usual refrain that there are now more problems to be settled between the Soviet Union and the Allies.

The London Times, authoritative British newspaper, however, welcomed the Soviet action editorially yesterday. It says that together with the British Commonwealth plans and the American good-neighbor policy, the Soviet action presents a step toward "multinational groupings which will provide practicable solutions" to the problems of "national freedom" and "international order."

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# Rose-Counts Group in New Red-Baiting Blast

## OPA Price Panel in Session



The price panel of the Flatbush War Price and Rationing Board looks over the records of a restaurant charged with violating price ceilings. The owner of the restaurant was found charging more than his April 1 prices. The price panel's findings are mainly educational. If the violator is a repeater, his case is referred to the OPA enforcement division in New York City, Empire State Building. Price panel chairman Edward C. Cerny is seated second from right. Second from left is Miss Betty Auerbach, chief clerk of the board.

## Watching a Volunteer Ration Board Work

By Louise Mitchell

A visit to the Flatbush War Price and Rationing Board will give you a good idea of how the price and rationing programs operate on the ground floor, or community level.

The Daily Worker took such a trip one night this week and was given warm welcome by the volunteers, staff workers and especially Murray Klutznick, OPA field operations officer, and Betty Auerbach, chief clerk.

The board (there are 18 in the city) handles local problems of price and rationing that everyday citizens encounter. If baby needs an extra pair of shoes, or a ration book is lost, or a consumer has been overcharged, if a car owner thinks he needs more gas than allowed, or a defense worker needs more coupon points, or if anything bothers you about rationing, the board decides whether the claim is valid. In most cases, people like you and me decide because the five panels on gas, fuel oil, sundries, food and price are manned by volunteers.

The night we went to the Flatbush board at 2585 Bedford Ave. it was the second time in its history that it was opened in the evening. In addition to its daily stint from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., the boards now keep their doors open once a week on Tuesday evenings.

**SIMPLE ENOUGH**  
And though this sounds like a simple enough thing, the New York City labor movement has been fighting vigorously to have the boards open in the evenings. The OPA Labor Advisory Committee has been campaigning for this for months. Its claim has been that war workers could not get to boards during the day. Also that it was impossible for working people to volunteer for panel work unless they operate after working hours.

So when on Tuesday we had the chance to talk to John L. McFadden, the secretary-treasurer of New York Newspaper Printing Pressmen's Union, Local 2, who was volunteering on the gasoline panel.

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## PM Abets Disunity Clique in ALP

Dr. George S. Counts and Alex Rose, chairman and secretary respectively of the State Committee of the American Labor Party, yesterday again issued one of their periodic blasts against Sidney Hillman, Chairman of the CIO National Political Committee, and ALP unity.

This time they have uncovered the terrific secret that the Committee on Vacancies appearing on ALP primary petitions of the Committee for a United Labor Party contained the names of three Amalgamated Clothing Workers' officials side by side with that of Michael Quill, national president of the Transport Workers Union; Hugh Thompson, CIO director in the Buffalo region; Joseph Cohen, business manager of Local 623 of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union (AFL); and Eugene Connolly, secretary of the New York County organization of the ALP.

Somewhat, the ALP state leaders consider it some sort of crime that there should be political association among leaders of powerful CIO and AFL unions who speak for hundreds of thousands of organized workers in the state. They apparently object to association of union leaders with a leading ALP county official elected by the bulk of the ALP members in his county.

It is apparent from the statement issued by Messrs. Counts and Rose that they insist upon perpetual fratricidal warfare within the movement of the state, based on certain artificial red-baiting division that they, in common with Hitler and Martin Dies, have set up for humanity.

There is a curious similarity between the statement issued by these ALP leaders yesterday and the statements the same group sent out four years ago. One gets the impression that these rather pathetic fronts for David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union who controls the state committee of the ALP, have been left far behind by history, and are incapable of more than constant repetition of the Goebbels and Dies slogans.

Actually, however, these statements have a purpose. They are intended to pave the way for possible destruction of the ALP if the Dubinsky group fails to retain its monopoly hold on the State Executive Committee of the party as a result of the primaries.

The Rose-Counts statement was, as can be expected, picked up by the various newspapers who oppose the American Labor Party and wouldn't be at all sorry to see it destroyed. None of these papers, naturally, bothered to print the news that powerful CIO leaders such as Emil Rieve have announced support of the Committee for a United Labor Party.

Labor and progressive circles are commending, however, on the fact that PM, supposedly a liberal newspaper which supports labor political action, also plays these red-baiting statements designed to foster division in the labor movement and to destroy the ALP if their authors cannot rule, while it omits all mention of the Committee for a United Labor Party.

PM's position is seen as a deliberately straddling one insofar as taking any open position is concerned, while underhandedly it is giving support to the Dubinsky Social-Democratic group. Formerly PM did support the State Committee Old Guard openly, but this, evidently didn't all well with its readers, so it is resorting to this method of backing that group.

## Death Rate Falls Here

A further reduction in New York City's general death rate was registered in the week ending last Friday, Jan. 28, according to the vital statistics report for the week issued yesterday by Health Commissioner Ernest L. Stebbins. The rate for the week was 11.3 per thousand of population as against a rate of 12.3 for the preceding week.

Francis J. Spellman, of the Roman Catholic Church, to join in vigorous action to curb anti-Semitic outbreaks.

The Archbishop, said a letter sent to the Rabbi to all board members, "can put a stop to these murderous doings."

"I am certain the Archbishop is not cognizant of the exact situation," said the Rabbi's letter. "When it is brought to his attention by men like you he will immediately say the peremptory and decisive word that will terminate anti-Semitic hoodlumism in our city."

All members of the board, including Lyons, sponsor of the resolution approached the matter in an extremely apologetic vein, aiming to pass over it as quickly and quietly as possible.

Thus, after a few brief moments of letter reading and mild oral denunciation of anti-Semitism, the Board went on to business.

## Cutbacks Raise New Jobless Aid Problem

By Mac Gordon

The number of people receiving unemployment insurance in upstate New York showed a "marked increase" of 24 per cent in December as compared with the previous month, a routine bulletin of the state's Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance announces.

The bulletin attributes this "marked increase" to "curtailments and completions of war contracts" in this area of heavy war production.

This little item is a reminder that the problem of readjustment either in war production or from war production to peacetime production is bound to lead to temporary dislocation of workers while the nation wrestles with the huge problems involved, and that this dislocation is already taking place.

The bulletin goes on to say that the Unemployment Insurance Fund reached the record total of \$607,694,000 at the end of 1943.

The fact that there is so much money in the fund has intensified agitation and pressure by some big employers for a merit-rating plan whereby employers with a fairly stable employment record will have to pay less into the fund while those with shifting personnel will have to pay more.

The net result of such a plan would be an average cut in employer contributions to the fund from the current 2.7 per cent of payrolls down to anywhere from 1.2 to 1.7 per cent, or a reduction in contributions of better than \$100,000,000 a year at current payroll levels.

## CATENACCHIO'S PLAN

Lobbyists for the corporations have introduced merit-rating schemes for the past six years. Twice they were passed by the Legislature, but vetoed by Governor Lehman. This year, several such measures have been introduced, and their backers really mean business. At least one legislator, Hamlet O. Catenacchio, a Republican from Harlem who has had consistent American Labor Party support, believes, however, that any extra money in the fund should go to the returning veterans and displaced war workers instead of to the corporations.

Catenacchio has introduced a series of bills in the State Assembly which would do the following:

- 1) Increase minimum weekly payments to \$14 a week and maximum to \$26 a week, with proportional increases in between these amounts, and, in addition, \$2 for each dependent. Current range is from \$10 to \$18, with no consideration for dependents.
- 2) Extend the period for receiving benefits from 20 to 26 weeks.
- 3) Shorten the waiting period from approximately two weeks to about one week.
- 4) Remove various exceptions which bar employees from collecting unemployment insurance.
- 5) Extend coverage to employees of government, agriculture, non-profit ventures, and those with less than four workers, who now are not covered.

**HELP VETERAN**  
Catenacchio makes the point that returning veterans will now be eligible for full unemployment insurance if the Legislature passes, as it is expected to do, the GO-sponsored bill. But, he says, the current maximum of \$18 a week, which vets would get, is entirely insufficient.

The money is there, both in the fund and in the state treasury from which, according to the proposed law, will come the money to pay veterans who are not normally covered by the insurance fund.

The Harlem Assemblyman also points out that the mustering-out pay which the vet will receive from the federal government will scarcely cover the cost of readjustment.

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Members of the Laundry and Linen Section of the Commerce and Industry Division of the War Finance Committee have pledged \$1,500,000 worth of war bonds. Philip Band of the Elite Laundry is division chairman.

At noon yesterday at the site of the Eternal Light in Madison Square, Park between 23rd and 24th Streets, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company played host to a military drill.

The colors were presented by James P. Bradley, secretary of the Metropolitan and Herbert L. Rhodes, personnel officer. Music was furnished by the Fort Jay Band. Members of the Metropolitan and New York Life Volunteer war bond canvassing teams witnessed the impressive ceremony.

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## FDR Body Reports On Mine Travel Time

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (UP).—A Presidential committee today set preliminary guideposts for a War Labor Board decision on the proposed wage contract between the United Mine Workers and 70 per cent of the soft coal industry.

The issue involved is portal-to-portal pay, based on the time spent by miners going to and from their work after reaching company property. A not dissimilar case covering iron miners is before the Supreme Court and a Virginia federal court held recently that travel time was not work time.

The committee reported to President Roosevelt that travel time in coal mines producing 63 per cent of the nation's output averaged 55.29 minutes, or 10.29 minutes more than the estimate used in the proposed contract and in the existing government contract between Coal Administrator Harold L. Ickes and UMW President John L. Lewis.

Mr. Roosevelt appointed the committee at the request of the UMW, which had said it could not take final action on a coal contract—scrapping old wage structures which excluded travel time—without a comprehensive survey of travel time. The committee was composed of Morris Cooke, chairman; R. L. Ireland, Jr., spokesman for northern Appalachian operators; and Thomas J. Kennedy, UMW secretary-treasurer.

The UMW had indicated that the wage stabilization program would require trimming the miners' proposed \$2.50 daily wage if travel time exceeded 45 minutes. The UMW based its claim to travel pay on the Wage-Hour Law, but the board held that under the law the miners could claim no more for an equivalent

amount of work during the first 40 hours of the week than they received under their old contract. Although the 55.29 minute average might indicate that the board would not approve the proposed agreement, it is expected to give weight to the possibility of reducing travel time to the 45 minute figure.

When travel time was excluded from the wage system, operators had no incentive to reduce it. UMW Chairman William H. Davis has described that as the "principal equality" of the miners' demand.

The Cooke Committee said it would discuss the possibility of reducing travel time in its final report but added that travel time had been reduced in recent months.

The proposal to measure it and the possibility of having it paid in wages appears to operate automatically to reduce it," the committee said.

It reported travel time for individuals ranged from less than five minutes to three hours and three minutes. Among the major districts, the average ranged from 46.96 in Illinois to 61.24 in western Pennsylvania.

The travel time report was made public coincident with the disclosure that international UMW officials had urged anthracite miners to comply with Ickes' request for a seven-day work-week in the anthracite mines this month.

# Negroes Send Plea to Boilermakers

## Auto Union Calls First Conference Of Plane Workers

DETROIT, Feb. 3.—The First National Aircraft Conference called by American Labor was announced today by Richard T. Frankenstein, vice-president of the CIO Auto Workers and director of the Aircraft Division of that union.

In response to the President's message urging a greater production record in aircraft for the final push against the Axis, and to meet the coming problems which will confront the workers of the industry unless immediate plans are made for the post-war period, our union has issued a call for a national conference," Frankenstein stated.

The conference will be held in Chicago at the Hamilton Hotel on February 28 and 29, and will include delegates from all local unions in the UAW-CIO which are engaged principally in the manufacture of air frames, airplane engines and parts.

Mr. Frankenstein announced that the conference will consider establishment of a permanent organization and election of officers and the development of a wage policy for the duration of the war.

"The immediate and most important job in the minds of the million and a half workers in the industry is the expansion of production so that their wives, husbands and brothers may more quickly crush the enemy and return home. But they cannot fail to notice the absence of planning for the post-war period. We hope that this conference will contribute to the necessary expansion of production, but we know that the workers in the industry will also contribute to the solution of the post-war production and employment problem. We have confidence that from this conference will emerge a sound basis for cooperation of labor with government and industry looking towards a healthy and stable aircraft industry in the post-war world."

## Coming Up--His Fourth Million in Bonds



Radio ceremonies honor Louis (Louie-the-waiter) Schwartz, just a rank and file member of Waiters Local 16, who sold \$1,125,000 worth of war bonds all by himself since the Treasury first put them on sale. Local 16 gave him the scroll, pictured above, and W.O.B. ran a broadcast Wednesday at union headquarters where Louis told the world how he does it. L. to F., David Siegel, Local 16 president, Miguel Garria, international representative, Joseph Rodriguez, secretary-treasurer of the local, Louis, the bond wizard, and Zero Mostel, stage comedian. Mostel shared the radio with Louis. The see bond salesman, a union member for 14 years, doesn't work in a ritzy restaurant. He works in a little place, just like many of the other members, but has just mastered the technique of bond sales in millions. Besides the scroll, Local 16 voted to give him a year free of dues in honor of his achievement, and trying to keep pace with him, has rolled up a \$100,000 sale in the Fourth War Loan on its own account.

## ALP Leaders Rap Baldwin on Soldier Vote

Chairmen of four New York American Labor Party clubs yesterday wired Congressman Joseph Clark Baldwin a protest on his vote against a record count for and against federal ballot for servicemen.

Baldwin, a Republican from the 17th Congressional District, was elected with ALP support at the last election. Though pledged to vote for a federal soldier vote, he threw his lot in with those in the House who wanted to prevent the public from knowing exactly how the ballots were cast.

The wire, sent by Robert Stanley, ALP chairman in the 7th A. D. Sean Felehin, 9th A. D. chairman; Alvin Udel, 10th A. D. chairman; and Clifford T. McAvoy, 15th A. D. chairman, told Baldwin that his action was "a repudiation of one of the basic tenets of the American Labor Party program, and indeed of American democracy."

"Your failure to support a measure which would simply provide for a record vote on this issue strikes at the very root of our democratic processes and is inexcusable in one who would claim the support of labor and liberal groups," they wired.

They asked the Congressman to act immediately to bring the matter up for reconsideration.

## ILG Local 22 Election Date Set for Feb. 17

With elections set for Feb. 17, the Rank and File of Dressmakers, Local 22, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, yesterday entered the home stretch of its campaign to elect 46 candidates as officers and convention delegates.

## Murray Demands Prices Be Curbed

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mining a united people's forthright and uncompromising support of our nation's war effort."

He supported the President's proposal for a federal ballot for soldiers, calling on labor to fight "those who are intent upon denying to the men and women in the armed forces their most cherished democratic right of suffrage."

He condemned Congress for considering a tax law which Mr. Roosevelt had called inadequate. "This bill reflects the brazen attitude of the defeatist coalition of Southern Democrats and the reactionary Republicans in rejecting the principle that war means restriction and sacrifices on the part of all," he said.

He proposed this program for maximum utilization of manpower: 1. Use of all racial and national groups, including women; 2. Adequate health, safety and wage standards in critical labor areas; 3. Travel expenses for employees transferred to new jobs; 4. A guarantee that they will return to their old jobs on the basis of accumulated seniority.

## Hillman Names Mitchell as Aide

George S. Mitchell, former economics instructor at Columbia College, N. Y., yesterday was named by Sidney Hillman as southern regional director for the CIO Political Action Committee.

Mitchell is the author of a number of books related to the labor field. He served as regional director for the Farm Security Administration in the upper South. Educated at the University of Richmond and John Hopkins University, he was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford.

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## 22 Leaders Call on AFL Union to End Jimcrow

An appeal to the AFL International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, now in convention at Kansas City, Kan., to drop its Jim Crow policies, went out yesterday from 22 Negro leaders representing virtually every walk of life.

Signers include such noted figures as Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of the National Council of Negro Women, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, famous education, Lucius Harper, editor, Chicago Defender, Dr. A. Clayton Powell, Jr., and many others.

They addressed a special appeal asking the Boilermakers to abandon their traditional policy of segregating Negro members into auxiliary lodges, a practice which is already under fire by locals in California and in the courts there, in Portland, Ore., and Providence, R. I.

**NATIONAL UNITY IS ISSUE**  
Convention decisions will have a vital bearing on the most significant question of the day—how to achieve maximum national unity to win the war, the Negro leaders wrote the AFL delegates.

But national unity, they said, is imperiled by racial and religious conflict and they cited recent disturbances at Detroit, Boston, Los Angeles and Mobile as warning signals.

Their letter notes that unprecedented gains have been made in the past 12 months in the direction of integrating the Negro people in the industrial and political life of the nation and credits some of this progress to the efforts of organized labor groups.

"It is to be regretted, however, that the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers has not yet been found among those that have helped to strengthen national unity by taking a patriotic stand against discrimination," the Negro leaders said.

"Unfortunately, the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers is still among that rapidly decreasing group of unions that maintain auxiliary (separate) locals for their Negro membership."

**APPEAL TO UNION**  
Three hundred thousand Boilermakers Union members are producing for victory and over 50,000 members fight along with Negro citizens in the armed forces, the writers told the convention.

"In the spirit of these members in the fighting forces," they wrote, "we appeal to the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers in convention assembled to eliminate the practice of segregating your Negro members in auxiliary locals."

"We urge, instead, that a policy be adopted of integrating equally all members into the regular locals of the union. We are confident that endorsing this action by your convention will be welcomed not only by the membership of your union but by the nation as well."

Besides those already listed, signers include:  
Miss Elsie Austin, national president, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; W. A. Bell, president, Miles Memorial College; Charles A. Collins, executive secretary, Negro Labor Victory Committee; Conkin P. Collins, attorney, president, Cleveland Council, National Negro Congress.

Charles H. Houston, attorney, Washington, D. C.; W. L. Houston, attorney, Washington, D. C.; Rev. W. H. Jernagin, director, Washington Bureau, Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America.  
Edward S. Lewis, executive secretary, New York Urban League, Dr. Rayford W. Logan, president, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Rev. H. P. Medford, secretary-treasurer, A. M. E. Zion Church; Mrs. Estelle Massey Riddle, consultant, National Nursing Council for War Service; Mabel E. Stanger, executive secretary, National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses; Julian D. Steele, Boston; Dr. Channing H. Tobias, New York YMCA; Ludlow W. Warner, editor, New York Age; Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby, national president, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Dr. Max Yergan, president, National Negro Congress, and Assemblyman Hulan E. Jack, New York State legislator.

## Two ILG Locals To Meet Tuesday

Operators Local 117 and Finishers Local 9 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union will hold meetings next Tuesday night after work to decide on methods of conducting elections. Operators will meet at Manhattan Center and Finishers at Webster Hall.

Rank and file committees in both unions are calling upon the membership to attend the sessions to vote against the block (straight ticket) system of elections in order to permit maximum democracy to operate.

## House Defeats Soldier Vote 215 to 164

(Continued from Page 1)

condemned by Rep. Vito Marcantonio of New York as "appeasement," he accepted the Tanager amendment which in effect wiped out the action of Congress in 1943 waiving poll tax and registration requirements for servicemen.

This move did not, however, budge the Republicans and it apparently had little effect on the die-hard Southern Democrats.

The debate wound up in an atmosphere of hooliganism with Republicans hooting, jeering and giving speakers for the federal ballot the raspberry.

In the Senate, there is still a chance that advocates of the federal ballot will be able to win a victory on a new compromise proposal.

Senators Scott Lucas of Illinois and Theodore Green of Rhode Island, anxious to save the ballot for at least some servicemen, accepted an amendment by Senator John Danaher of Connecticut.

As a result, the Danaher amendment was accepted by a vote of 72 to 19. Only five Republicans joined 14 Southern Senators in voting against this amendment, while 41 Democrats, 30 Republicans and one Wisconsin Progressive voted for it.

**DANAHER AMENDMENT**  
The Danaher amendment provides a federal ballot only for servicemen overseas. Servicemen in this country can get a federal ballot, however, if they make an affidavit that they have not received a state ballot.

This amendment is cumbersome and would impose a burden of administering both federal and state ballot set-ups.  
But advocates of a federal ballot voted for it in the hope that at least some servicemen will be able to vote if this scheme is adopted.

The final test in the Senate will come tomorrow on the Taft-Hartley bill which is sponsored by nine Democrats and six Republicans.

This amendment ostensibly preserves a federal ballot but hems it in with so many restrictions and reservations as to make it unworkable.

## Italy Anti-Fascists Greet DeGaulle

(By United Press)

The Italian five-party anti-fascist congress, which has been meeting in Bari, has sent a message to Gen. Charles DeGaulle expressing its admiration of French troops now fighting in Italy, the British Radio, quoting Radio France, said Thursday.

The message called for collaboration between France and democratic Italy "in order that peace, freedom and democracy reign in Europe," said BBC, recorded in New York by the CBS.

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## The Restoration of Sight

By Peter Stone

Last week it was announced that two big New York hospitals were planning to organize an eye bank center to restore sight for certain types of blindness. This bank's assets would be received from 100 or more hospitals, which would contribute the eyes from cadavers. Each hospital would receive a week's supply of eyes, and could turn over the extras to institutions that were in need of them. This type of sight restoration can be successfully performed if two conditions are met: 1) the patient can distinguish between light and dark and 2) he has completely recovered from any contagious disease. Opacity of the eye's cornea (leukoma) may occur when the cornea is struck by a blow, is splattered with hot fluids or metal, or is diseased by smallpox, tuberculosis, trachoma, gonorrhea or syphilis. The story of new eyes for old begins back in the early part of the 19th century. Attempts were made to replace opaque eyes with clear ones by transplantation methods, but results were unsatisfactory because physicians had not yet perfected a technique for the preservation of the healthy eyes. In 1934 the Welsh specialist, Dr. Tudor Thomas, successfully transplanted

from the upper eyeball. This functioned as a bandage to hold the graft in position. He then cut two short slots into the opaque cornea, one on each side of the hidden pupil. Through these slots he slid a thin blade of ivory. This protected the crystalline lens and prevented the aqueous humor from escaping when he cut out a small disk from the cornea directly over the pupil. He excised the cornea with a circular saw called a trephine—which he had already applied to the cold-storage eye—and transferred the donor cornea to the host eye. The graft was then strapped into position with the prepared eyeball strips. The ivory guard removed from the slots, and both eyes bandaged to



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the clear eye cornea of a hopelessly blind woman, to a patient suffering from opaque eyes. One year later, Dr. Ramon Castroviejo, of Columbia Medical Center, grafted the cornea of a still-born infant upon the opaque eye of a grown man. However these were isolated successes until 1936, when the brilliant achievements of the Soviet ophthalmologist and academician, Dr. V. Filatov, flashed across the pages of the medical journals. By that year he had performed hundreds of successful transplantations using mostly cadaver eyes for his operations. Applying older researches he developed a method for the refrigeration of the material at very low temperatures. He preserved the corneas for as long as 15 days, and gave the world a new surgical technique. With the patient under the anesthetic, he loosened a strip about a quarter of an inch wide

## Film Front

Emile Zola on "Bernadette"

By DAVID PLATT

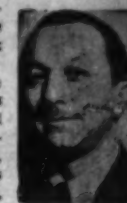
IN MY review of "Song of Bernadette," I said that the main defect of the picture is that the point of view of modern science is nowhere clearly expressed. I said "a good spokesman for enlightened public opinion would have served as a link between 1858 and the cold realities of 1944 with its man-made miracles—miracles of production which will soon end the Hitler terror against Christianity and all religions and peoples."

Since writing my review I have come across a novel by a great French writer that throws a ray of light on the serious weakness of Werfel's "Song of Bernadette." The novel is "Lourdes." The subject is Bernadette. The author is Emile Zola, the great crusader for truth and justice. Yes, Zola is the enlightened spokesman for reason and science whose experiences at Lourdes might have given the 20th-Fox movie a more positive orientation.

Zola visited the celebrated shrine of Bernadette in Lourdes in 1894, writes Matthew Josephson in his admirable biography of Zola. "He saw the famous Grotto, the processions of tens of thousands of pilgrims, the hospitals where 'miracles' were certified, the 'white trains' which bore the sick to Lourdes and away..." Josephson says the sight of diseased, suffering humanity "flattened to earth in the prostration of prayer, this whole city of faith, born of the hallucination of a little girl of fourteen," held Zola. He made up his mind to write a book about it.

Hungry for a rational treatise of the Mecca of Mysticism, from one who had been there, I looked through the two-volume English edition of Zola's "Lourdes" at the Fifth Avenue Library. In its preface Zola recognized that all this human woe born of poverty and ignorance was "the exhibition of desperate and despairing sufferers who, abandoned by science and by man addressed themselves to a higher power in the hope of relief." The miracle, he said, is "based on ignorance." Zola did not set out to attack in his novel but to understand. For his hero he chose the socially-conscious Abbe Froment, a man who put reason higher than faith, whose "doubting soul" refused to be converted by the "miracles" he saw. Franz Werfel's "Song of Bernadette" could have used such a man.

Zola saw in the girl Bernadette who lived "solely in order that she might die," a symbol of a deeper social malady. The conclusion of his great novel is that modern society needs a new hope, something altogether different from the heart-breaking drama at the Massabielle Grotto, "something nearer to life, giving a larger place to the things of the world." That prophetic judgment still holds.



## President Gets \$240,000 Check For Paralysis Fight

President Roosevelt received a \$240,000 birthday present to help combat infantile paralysis. The check represented most of the net profits in this country of the film "Forever and a Day," made by actors of British origin in appreciation of the hospitality shown them here and in gratitude to the generous contributions made to British charities.

The check was presented to the President at the White House by Lady Hardwicke, on behalf of her husband Sir Cedric Hardwicke, who represented the committee of British actors. It was turned over to Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Lady Hardwicke was accompanied by Roland Young, Brian Aherne and N. Peter Ralston, president of RKO, who financed and produced "Forever and a Day."

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## Rebounds and Set Shots:

### Influx of Freshman Aces Strengthen Met Teams

By Phil Gordon

There was a lot of basketball played Wednesday night and when all was quiet and the boys had made their way home—one thing was clear:

The second half of the college basketball season may see some adjustments made in the rankings of the teams due to the fact that almost all of the teams have acquired a number of freshmen kids from one of the richest high school crops of recent years.

Take St. John's-St. Francis game which the Indians just did manage to win, 60-55 after trailing for the greater portion of the game. St. Francis didn't figure to give the Indians a serious tussle, but once the game started it was obvious they were not only going to give the Indians a fight but, with a little luck, they might even win.

The sudden change in the strength of the Terriers was made possible by the addition of three freshmen, all of whom look very good indeed.

The same was true of Brooklyn College's thumping 50-30 victory over Princeton. The Kingsmen, a fairly strong club all the first half of the season, came up with five new freshmen stars, and the boys helped considerably in the rout.

Coch. Venty Lieb is very enthusiastic about his team's chances now that the freshmen have joined the squad and his hopes are somewhat justified because he has at least three high school kids who were wows.

In winning the game against

Princeton, however, it was "veteran" Mike Whittin who did most of the yoman work, piling up 13 points and holding Mike Shinkarik formerly a City College star, to a mere seven.

Army's powerful team, which may get a bid to a post season tournament, won its seventh game in succession, defeating West Virginia, 38-31 at West Point. Dale Hall, the driving gridders, basketball scored 18 points and Doug Kenna tallied 15. The Virginians were swept off their feet by the drive and fury of Army's attack and were out of the ball game after the first ten minutes of play.

Little Hy Gotkin is beginning to score more frequently than he ever has in the past. He sank seven baskets and two fouls against St. Francis Wednesday for a total of 16 points. Ray Wertz tallied 15 and blonde Dick McGuire amassed ten.

A late first half rally by the Columbia Lions took the measure of Stevens Tech by a score of 49-45 in a tough battle at Morningside Heights Gym. Big Walk Backs with the help of Lion gridders Bruce Gerhke and Otto Apel led the way, tallying 17 points. Gerhke and Apel got ten each.

## Tomorrow at the Garden: Nation's Great Track Aces at Millrose Games

The first major track meet of the winter season will come into the Garden tomorrow night when the annual Millrose Games is run off before what will probably be a capacity crowd drawn by any number of feature attractions, the biggest of course being the mile race which will show Gil Dodds, Bill Hulse and Don Burnham and three young milers.

But the mile, intriguing as it is, is not the only fascinating event of the night. The famed Millrose relays shape up as corkers with Michigan, Army, NYU, Dartmouth, Rochester and Notre Dame all fighting for the coveted mile title which is currently held by NYU.

That Michigan two-mile team, which boasts such speedsters as Ross and Bob Hume, Johnny Roberg and the meteoric Bob Ufer, will certainly be the favored team of the night and may run the New York entries clear off the boards. They won it last year, 1:10.3 and many experts select him to beat Herbert even though the Negro ace has shown the best form in some years.

Jimmy Herbert, whose legitimate beef against the bad tickets he has been getting, has been settled satisfactorily, has entered in the 600-yard run and his main opposition will come from Ufer who will double up in two events. Last year Ufer chased Hugh Short to a new record, 1:10.3 and many experts select him to beat Herbert even though the Negro ace has shown the best form in some years.

Darimouth's two-mile relay team will be anchored by none other than Don Burnham, who will run in the featured mile

## Brownsville IWO Opens Drive Sun.

The Brownsville District of the International Workers Order, which is endeavoring to recruit 2,000 new members, is opening the campaign with a grand banquet, Sunday, Feb. 6 at 3 P.M., at 128 Watkins St. The banquet is intended in honor of Brother Abraham Kolb, until recently Assistant Secretary of the Brownsville District.



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2. General view of the area operated on.



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## "DAILY" SPORTS

### LOW DOWN - Dots and Dashes and Some Heated Exclamation Marks, Too

A few hours after Alva Bradley's statement about closing up the Indians for the duration had hit the papers, a storm of protest arose from all sections of the baseball world. My, did they sit down on him.

All the owners gave vent to gales of righteous indignation. They huffed and they puffed and almost blew the Cleveland house in.

But none of them, quietly enough, answered the questions Bradley posed. What the Cleveland president said was simply that there was not enough baseball talent in the major leagues to give the fans a run for their money.

Did any of the magnates, in the mighty muffle, deny this simple statement?

They did not. In fact they did everything BUT that.

It was interesting to see how quickly they reacted to an idea which would have left them without profits for the season. The very thought of closing up their parks for the duration sent hot and cold chills running down their backs.

It was trifling.

Yet it is simply inconceivable that these men refuse to help themselves by doing the obvious; signing Negro players.

They attack Bradley for a statement which was basically true. There will NOT be enough talent in the major leagues to give the fans a run for their money.

But they don't answer him honestly.

We are for the continuation of baseball this year. We believe baseball is an important part of American life.

But we cannot and will not tolerate a continuation of the policy of Jim Crow.

And if this policy is continued this season then perhaps it won't be such a bad thing after all to fold up the majors for the duration.

Short Shots

Joe Gehrig is still holding his lead in the War Bond popularity contest which is tribute to sentiment of American fans. The death of the great Yankee slugger moved millions of Americans and the fact that thousands of people should remember him long enough to vote for him in such a poll is an indication that it was no mere passing emotion, but deeply rooted.

Met Ott, incidentally, is climbing steadily. The little fellow is in fourth place behind Gehrig, Ward Cuff and the old Bambino himself. Joe Louis is still in 12th place, right behind Hank Greenberg.

An amendment to the State Athletic Commission boxing law permitting persons 17 years of age to participate in professional boxing bouts was introduced to the State Legislature Wednesday. It has the support of Gen. John J. Phelan, Athletic Commission chairman. There is little to say about a thing like this except—phooey.

The Harlem Glove Trotters, Negro basketball team, set a new world record for consecutive victories Wednesday night when they beat the March Field team in Los Angeles, 38-37 for their 62nd straight win.

A postcard from a reader in Pittsburgh says:

"Dear Nat,  
"Your column reviewing the greatest pugilists never mentioned Lester Johnson, the greatest Negro fighter of all time. In his day, all the best fighters, Jack Johnson, Dempsey, etc., admitted he was tops. He used to train with them at Madison Square Garden gym and they couldn't even get near him, let alone touch him. I believe he was the chap who was fired by Firpo because he knocked Firpo cold in a training bout. (Johnson was hired to train Firpo for the Dempsey fight.) He could easily have become champion of the world, but was too modest. Give us a good story on Lester Johnson. Look up some of his old pals, or maybe you can locate Lester himself."

This is an interesting little bit because we never knew of Lester Johnson's existence before. We asked Fred Ellis, who has seen them all, and neither does he remember a fighter by that name. But the story sounds interesting and we'll do hunting around. Thanks a lot and come again, please.

When young Bob Carpenter, new prexy of the Phils, asked the fans for a new name for his team, he let himself in for it. Among the hundreds of suggestions were "Daisies," "Stinkers" and "Connie Mack's Phillies."

## Increased Relief Aid Here Begins

Increases in the budgets of all persons in receipt of public assistance totaling \$4,000,000 annually will be put into effect this month by the Department of Welfare so that all men and women in need of this type of assistance will be able to meet increased living costs.

Acting Commissioner Edward E. Rhatigan announced.

Pointing out that budget revisions had been made early last spring in an effort to meet the rising cost of living, Acting Com-

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## Who Tricks Whom?

REACTION to the Soviet state changes is beginning to crystallize, and this process is always very illuminating. In this case it is evident that many responsible circles have really changed their old approach to the Soviet Union. Comments such as those of the New York Herald Tribune, the London Times, Walter Lippmann and David Lawrence reveal a sincere disposition to approach new developments in Soviet policy in good faith, and to accept as a reliable basis for forming an opinion what the Soviet leaders themselves say.

They have overcome the old and very disastrous mistake of seeing a sinister motive or a maneuver in every Soviet act, and automatically distrusting every Soviet move simply because it is Soviet. How disastrous that mistake has been for our own nation and for the other United Nations can be seen from the whole record of the last 25 years. It was a costly lesson, but by and large it has been learned that Soviet leaders say what they mean and that Soviet policy is based firmly in the interests of the great combination of socialist nations which compose the Soviet Union. And the war has finally taught us that those interests are nowhere in the world opposed to our own national interests. That is why the Tehran accord has so firm a foundation.

But, aside from the Berlin comment and the reaction of Hitler's friends in America, some circles still reveal a stubborn reluctance to get rid of the old approach. The New York Times, for example, still cannot resist seeking "sinister motives" with respect to the peace conference and discovering with an audible sigh of relief that its old picture of Soviet "totalitarianism" need not be given up because "Communist dictatorship" will still remain. But even the Times has to concede that the Soviet changes are based on the well-established national policy of the Soviet Union and is a further development of it.

Naturally, when the first reaction is to thrust aside the official Soviet explanation and to seek "hidden motives," there is room for a display of much ignorance. Many responsible diplomatic and political sources have already shown how silly is the explanation that this is a Soviet trick to dominate the peace conference, the post-war organization or the world itself. Some of the current explanations which seek to interpret the Soviet change as "power politics" draw pretty ridiculous comparisons between our 48 states and the 16 Soviet Republics. This reveals abysmal ignorance about the most elemental facts of Soviet life. It is just a simple truth that there are 16 nations corresponding to republics in the Soviet Union, and some of these probably have within them as many as 48 provinces or administrative units such as our states are.

There is also an inclination to see the Soviet changes only in relation to the Baltic republics, the Polish and Finnish issues and Bessarabia. But much before the autonomy proposals were made the Soviet policy on those questions had already been firmly established and the so-called disputed regions were already considered a part of the Soviet Union. In fact, the 16 Soviet republics which now have autonomy in defense and foreign relations include the Estonian, Lithuanian and Latvian Soviet Republics; as well as the Karelo-Finnish, Moldavian, Ukrainian and White Russian Republics which now unite within them nationals who were previously separated as a result of the anti-Soviet intervention after the first World War.

Undoubtedly, one of the results of the new Soviet step will be to facilitate friendly relations between these border republics and

their neighbors, thus strengthening security in these regions. It can be expected that the greater autonomy of the Soviet republics in foreign affairs will make easier the multitudinous tasks of assuring peace and neighborly relations also in the Middle East and in the Far East.

But it would be a mistake not to see that the basic element in the whole situation is that the present changes constitute an historic development of the Soviet nations, singly and together. For each nation within the Soviet Union to have its own army and foreign office represents the highest level of national autonomy and freedom. And that it can be done in the midst of this tremendous war is so illuminating of the basic strength of the Soviet system and its great success in solving the national problem that it becomes impossible for anyone to question the permanence and integrity of the Soviet Union. Such a country need not resort to trickery to realize the Tehran policies of world collaboration. Anyone who searches for trickery in Soviet policy will end up by tricking no one but himself.

## Willkie on Taxes

SPEAKING at the New York Times Forum Wednesday, Wendell Willkie demanded heavier wartime taxation in line with the principle that every dollar capable of bearing a tax must be taxed.

We can heartily agree with the principle, which doubtless will bring a howl from the GOP leadership and the Southern poll taxers who have just ripped to shreds the Administration program for \$10,500,000,000 in new taxes.

What is less agreeable is the fact that Willkie waited until House and Senate had completed the job of wrecking that program before speaking up. For months GOP and Tory Democratic spokesmen fought bitterly to cut the Treasury proposal on the grounds that the country cannot stand any more taxes. They succeeded, too, in cutting the amount of new taxes down to one-fifth of that requested by the Administration. Willkie remained entirely silent.

He now says that the Administration plan was unrealistic because it didn't call for more than twice as much in new taxes. Why, then, didn't he speak up at least for the "half-measure" when that was being crippled by Congress with the aid of his own supporters?

We suspect that his position then, and his criticism of the Administration now, is at least in large part motivated by partisan considerations.

As regards the post-war tax problem, Willkie advances a program which bears a marked resemblance to the ancient political trick of promising all things to all men. He wants corporation taxes reduced and excess profits taxes eliminated. He wants excise taxes ended and reduction of income taxes on low and middle-income groups. Yet he confesses we will have to raise huge budgets to pay for the war. You answer that one!

To be sure he says that with jobs and security for all, America's national income will go up so that even lowered rates will raise more money. Even so, taxes will have to be raised somewhere and Willkie's open-handed generosity to all groups is scarcely a program for this.

Neither can we accept his figure of \$120,000,000,000 as a post-war national income sufficient to give jobs and security for all. With the nation now producing close to \$165,000,000,000, and with 11,000,000 in the armed services not producing any wealth, it should be clear that even at reduced prices a much higher income will be needed to assure full employment and security.



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Washington, D. C., Feb. 3

SENATOR ROBERT ALPHONSO TAFT has a rather homely quality which is one of his biggest political assets. He is not very attractive in appearance, and he wears baggy clothes. He seems a little shy. And he does not appear to be glib or smooth on the floor.

Even Taft's most bitter opponents usually conceded that he was an honest reactionary. Senator Vandenberg was slippery. He was usually squarely on both sides of every major issue. But you could always tell where Honest Bob Taft stood. Vandenberg used to hedge on relief appropriations. Taft, during his first year or two in the Senate when this was still an issue, was just dead set against WPA in principle.

So it has been an interesting experience to watch Honest Bob Taft in action these last few months. It has been interesting to watch him twist and turn.

WHEN the Federal aid to education bill was before the Senate, this heir of Republican tradition suddenly became a defender of state's rights. He discovered that it would be unconstitutional for the Federal government to aid the school systems in the various states. And he was more pious about it than most Southern Senators who wanted the school systems in their states to get Federal funds.

But Senator Langer of North Dakota sponsored an amendment to have the Federal government supervise state expenditures to make sure there was no discrimination against Negro children, and Senator Taft suddenly appeared to switch sides. He voted for Federal control in this case—because it seemed a sure way of defeating the bill. And the Langer-Taft scheme did succeed.

## Vast Soviet Aid to War Orphans

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 3.—Homeless Soviet orphans are of prime concern to the government, writes A. Panternaya, head of the children's home section of the People's Commissariat of Education of the Russian Federative Socialist Republic.

Special efforts have been made to see that war orphans are comfortably housed and fed. All the children's homes have been granted land allotments in order to raise vegetables for their own use. The work is done by the school personnel who are assisted by older children and in this way a good supply of vegetables is laid in for the winter.

During the summer months, the urban children's homes move to the country.

The whole Soviet population is helping the government take care of war orphans. Plans and factories have taken over the patron-

age of the children's homes, which means that besides taking a lively interest in the educational work, they supply the homes with manufactured goods, with food from factory track gardens, etc.

The adoption and the guardianship of war orphans by private citizens has likewise become widespread. Nearly 193,000 orphans are being brought up, at present, by private guardians, not counting the tens of thousands who have been formally adopted by Soviet families.

CHILDREN'S HOMES  
Last year some 14,300 children were adopted in the RSFSR alone. The number of children's homes has increased to 1,700 since the outbreak of the war in the RSFSR alone, and today, the People's Commissariat of Education, RSFSR, has more than 3,000 such homes, providing board, lodging and education for 350,000 children.

In the autumn of 1943, more than

100 additional homes were opened in the districts which have been liberated from the Germans, for the children of Red Army men and for the children whose parents have perished at the hands of the enemy. These homes have been set up in the best surviving buildings. Complete clothing outfits are ready for the children, as soon as the new homes are opened.

This year, more such homes will be opened, as the Red Army liberates more and more Soviet districts. All the inmates of the children's homes attend school. As a rule they remain in the homes until the age of 14, when they are transferred to vocational schools to learn a trade or to become apprentices at industrial or agricultural enterprises.

The more gifted children are kept in the homes until they have graduated from secondary school, after which, the road to college is open for them.

## Official Ostrich-Like Silence on Anti-Semitism Here Aids Nazis

By Ben Davis, Jr.

"Any person who consciously practices anti-Semitism, anti-Negroism or other type of racial discrimination is a traitor to our country. Whether conscious of his deeds or not, he is helping Hitler and Hirohito and that is treachery. What else could it be?"

Any person who does not know the effects of his anti-Semitic acts, and does not contemplate their results—in terms of the malevolent danger to our country—must have lived in a vacuum for the last ten years. There is no excuse for such ignorance.

The recent outbreaks of anti-Semitic violence against Jewish boys and girls of our city are a danger to the winning of the war and the winning of the peace. They must be condemned with all the concerted might of every American—capitalist or worker, Jew or Gentile, Negro or white, Catholic or Protestant, native-born or foreign-born. These attacks are just what Hitler ordered and they must be ended—at once!

It would be living in a fool's paradise to assume that these attacks are accidental or purely spontaneous. Systematic violence of this sort does not break out from the thin air. In our city are "Christian Fronters" Ku Kluxers, Bundists, "Peace Now" pro-fascists, and myriads of Fifth Columnists whose business it is to stir up strife, racial antagonism, class antagonism, disruption and chaos. Add all that up and it means defeat in the present war. It means negation of the great Tehran manifesto which requires the unity of the people for its realization.

The existence of these organized gangs of hoodlums and fascists within our midst breeds anti-Semitism, anti-Negroism and anti-laborism. They should be disbanded

and prosecuted, their leaders jailed and given the limit of the law. There can be no mercy towards them. How can there be when we have seen the face of the enemy at Katyn and at Bataan! And now we see it on the streets of New York!

As long as these gangs are left in comparative immunity—and ostrich-like, some city officials bury their heads in the sand—anti-Semitism will remain a first-rate danger to American democracy and to victory. One can about good-will to the highest heavens—and good-will is vitally important—but it will avail little unless the streams of anti-Semitism, and anti-Negroism are dammed up at the source.

To think that this is purely a matter of personal relations is to underestimate the enemy, and to become prey of a powerful, if minority, clique of fascists in our country who work like a machine. Who would be surprised even if Pegler said: "Some of my best friends are Jews and Negroes." Yet who can deny that this gutter columnist is one of the main-springs of Hitlerism in the public press.

As the Daily Worker has so accurately pointed out, the retention of Patrician James Drew as the Police force of our city, is not to be isolated from the anti-Semitic outbreaks in New York. Drew's presence on the force is a direct incitation to anti-Semitism. It gives the impression of immunity to those who practice this species of barbarism—an indirect license to lawlessness and racial persecution. The fascist anti-Semites will say to themselves: "If a member of the police force can be an anti-Semite and consort with Hitlerites, then surely I, a private citizen, can do so."

Removing Drew from the police force will be a signal to the fascist "racists" that New York City

Taft and the other defeatists are only too anxious to maintain the fiction.

BUT Taft slipped up once when the Connally post-war resolution was pending and told the truth. He said that he does not see "any justification" for the war against Nazi Germany. He isn't so sure about Japan. "But the question of whether our entrance into the war with Germany was justified seems to be a debatable one," Taft said.

He argued that by staying out of the war "we could have set up an army and a navy and could have paid for them for 50 years without involving the expenses that one all-out war is costing in two years." And Taft also insisted hopefully that the Moscow Declaration didn't really rule out a separate peace by the United States.

Senator Carl Hatch of New Mexico, one of the leaders of the fight for a post-war resolution, simply couldn't believe it. He said that he spoke to Taft and was assured that his questioning of whether we should be fighting Germany "was an unfortunate use of language."

But it so happens that Taft sent up a detailed outline of his speech to the Press Gallery. And I can say from personal knowledge that the substance of what I have quoted was not spontaneous but was in his mimeographed press release.

I am not trying to probe Taft's mind. I am simply judging his public record. And it is clear that he pretends to support a war which he really opposes. He goes through the motions of operating as a member of the "loyal opposition" when he is really for a negotiated peace. This is the fundamental lie in Taft's public life that explains the dishonesty of his votes and his speeches.

## Change the World

By MIKE GOLD

SOME of the more recent "Friends of the Soviet Union" remind me of certain groups of southern liberals who are white.

They may be all for justice to the Negro. They are against the Nazi race theories. Persecution, southern lynching and Negro degradation and untouchability—all are offensive to them.

Oh, they are all for democracy, yes! But let a democratic Negro lift his voice or attempt to fight against his own degradation! Why does a high fall on the assembly? Such liberals want the Negro to remain humble and silent. He must not grow or learn. He must postpone all progress until gracious Master has finally arranged for his freedom.

It may take months, it may take a thousand years. But at least nobody will be disturbed or have his racial prejudices offended by this method.

And if the Negro dares to make noises like a democratic fighter or even a human being this is a dangerous faux pas which often drives some heroes of liberalism back into the arms of White Hegemony.

PM's Max Lerner is a liberal who represents a certain similar school of anti-Nazis. They are willing to have the mighty Red Army do a little necessary fighting on our side. But they resent the Soviet Union whenever it makes any free or independent move for its own safety.

It upsets them when the Soviet Union acts like a free and equal partner in the United Nations. Why doesn't it ask their permission to be strong, or apply to them for a passport before crossing the Latvian or Polish borders?

Yes, they even resent Soviet insistence on handling its own internal affairs. Just as white liberal Master has never liked the liberal Negro, if you know what I mean.

Lerner confesses freely enough he doesn't know a damn thing about the recent Soviet move to give autonomy to the 16 Soviet Republics.

It's all a mystery to him, yet he is ready to resent it out-loud. "It will put a tremendous strain on United Nations' good-will," he laments in mournful tones.

Why and how? What sort of good-will is going to be damaged because the Soviet Republics of Turkmenistan or Armenia is now going to have its own Foreign Minister?

What is so sinister about this move whose necessity I understand as little as does Max Lerner, but upon which I am willing to suspend judgment?

Friends, it burns me up to see how quick and ready some of these superior liberals act when there is a chance to hammer at the Soviet Union.

Ten million Soviet people have given up their lives and all the vast Soviet commonwealth has bled and suffered that democracy might be preserved in the world.

And we, who have profited from the Russian tragedy, remain smug and self-righteous in our steam-heated offices, and act surprised because they do not let us legislate for them.

Bah, I could live with the animals!

Reactionaries and fascist-minded men now control our Congress. They promise to steal the 1944 elections by blocking the soldier vote of ten million. Thus, they hope to destroy the United Front.

But anti-Nazi should have more faith in their great Russian ally. And the main fighting should still be done against the enemy at home. Look, he is storming the White House, while we are still brooding in the red-baiters' house!

We are too close to it all to estimate the danger. We are also too smug. We have learned little from the chain of disasters by which France, Germany and other lands fell to the Nazis.

A most intelligent anti-Nazi like Max Lerner still feels upset about Soviet moves, still distrusts almost everything they do.

What can you expect of conservative citizens who fight in the war against fascism, if people like Lerner can still blackmail the Soviets with his mumbled double-talk about "strains on good will"?

Only comes from a complete awareness of the common danger. Only the Soviets and a large section of the British people, and of course, the masses of underground Europe, understand the present hour and its alternatives.

Fascists find it profitable to follow like a culture every Soviet move and make dirty talk about it.

## 5 Years Ago Today In the Daily Worker

FEBRUARY 4, 1939  
NEW YORK—Art Shields, Daily Worker reporter, lands at Le Havre today bound for Spain.

Sailing aboard the French Line's Champlain in the critical hours after the fall of Barcelona, Art Shields was anxious to get on the job, and match the excellent work of Joe North and Ed Rolfe.

"I want to report the facts of the Spanish people's struggle against fascism in such a way as to spur more and more Americans to do their part—to supply food and medical aid and to win the lifting of the embargo against Spain," Shields said when he left.

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